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HOUSE CLEARS DECKS FOR DEFENSE BILLS

Lower Chamber Passes Urgent Deficiency Measure Appropriating \$2,575,000.

The House of Representatives yesterday set itself earnestly to the task of clearing up the legislative decks for action on the pending preparedness measures.

As a first step it passed the urgent deficiency bill, appropriating \$2,575,000, of which \$2,575,000 is to be devoted to the manufacture of mines, anti-aircraft guns and equipment for the navy, and the repair of naval vessels.

The majority leaders have a long conference with Speaker Clark and Representative Burnett in an effort to induce the latter to put the immigration bill aside to make way for the Hay army bill, the first of the important preparedness measures. Mr. Burnett obstinately refused to yield, and the question is still to be decided. The Rules Committee will take up the situation today.

While the leaders on the Democratic side were mapping out their plans for hastening action on the preparedness bills, the Republicans were as energetically demanding that minor legislative matters be brushed aside and the more important problems confronting Congress be taken up.

"The time has come," said Representative Mann, the minority leader, "to quit talking about chicken-feed bills. It is a time and situation when we might want to determine whether we shall erect a statue to a hero or devise further methods for gathering statistics and consider speedily what we shall do about an increase in our naval and military establishments. If it is to be done it is well that it be done now."

BULLETS BURN ZEPPELINS.

New Anti-Aircraft Missile Planned to Ignite Gas in Dirigible.

London, March 15.—J. A. Sambrook, technical expert, has invented a new anti-aircraft missile. The device is intended to be an effective weapon of offense against Zeppelins. As things stand at present a Zeppelin can remain aloft after it has been pierced from below, on account of the small escape of gas. Mr. Sambrook's invention has for its object the piercing of the Zeppelin at the top and at the same time the ignition of the escaping gas.

Just how this is done is the inventor's secret, but the bullet, charged with a special preparation, travels through the air at tremendous velocity. As it goes along it emits a trail of sparks, which, as it enters the Zeppelin, set alight the gas and cause fire. The same process follows as the bullet bursts through the envelope at the top.

BAKER INFORMED TROOPS ADVANCE

Announces Mexican Military "Appear to Be Co-operating with Expedition."

ALL DETAILS WITHHELD

More Than 5,000 Cavalry and Mountain Artillery Follow Villa's Trail in Mexico.

Secretary of War Baker at 10 o'clock last night officially announced that the American expedition in pursuit of Francisco Villa, the Mexican bandit chief, has crossed the border.

Pervious to the announcement, the Secretary carried to the White House and laid before President Wilson an official dispatch from Gen. Funston.

Returning to the War Department, he issued the following statement: "The War Department received tonight, in code, a message from Gen. Funston which announces that American troops crossed the border into Mexico today, but does not give the hour of the crossing."

"I am very happy to say that the dispatch shows that the military representative of the de facto government of Mexico not only interposed no obstacle, but appears to be co-operating."

All Details Withheld.

The Secretary declined to add anything to his statement by way of saying at what point or points the troops crossed into Mexico, their number, commanding officer or any other details.

"While I cannot say," he explained, "that it will be the policy of the department to withhold information of this kind, I do not feel justified at present in saying anything further on the subject."

The impression in War Department circles is that the main column crossed at or about Columbus, N. Mex., which Villa attacked last week, and was under the personal command of Brig. Gen. John Pershing, and that other columns entered from a point east of Columbus and near El Paso, and to the west of Culberson's ranch.

Gen. Funston is understood to have advised the department that he will probably divide his forces into small detachments as soon as he locates the general whereabouts of Villa and begins to round up his followers.

The initial expedition is understood here to consist of from 5,000 to 8,000 troops, mostly cavalry and mountain artillery. In order to prevent Villa from beating back toward the border and committing further depredations on the American side, and also in order to guard against any possible treachery from the Carranzistas, Gen. Funston has disposed upward of 15,000 troops along the boundary. As rapidly as these organizations can be enlarged under the new recruiting resolution passed by Congress reinforcements will be available for Gen. Pershing.

Elaborate provisions have been made to keep Pershing's forces supplied with provisions and ammunition, and owing to the scarcity of water in the region to be covered, special automobile trucks are being rushed to the border to keep the expedition supplied.

To what extent the Carranza forces "appear to be co-operating" was not disclosed by Secretary Baker.

GERMANS ARE FORCED BACK DECLARE BRITISH

Army in East Africa Being Driven Ahead of English, Says Gen. Smuts.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald. London, March 15.—The defeated German forces are rapidly retreating before the British force of Gen. Smuts in East Africa, according to an official report from the general given out by the press bureau tonight. It follows: "We occupied Mosh on Monday and are pushing on to occupy Arusha, which is believed to have been evacuated by the Germans."

"The enemy appears to be retiring rather southwardly, his movements assisted by the Tanganyika Railway. Numerous rivers have hindered our pursuit. Further evidence of the sure defeat inflicted on the enemy at Kitofo are being received. A search of the slopes of the hill revealed a great number of dead. Three machine guns, which the enemy abandoned have been found."

Lectures on Ballet Russe

Mrs. Mignon Ulke Lamasure gave a lecture-recital on the music and stories of the Washington repertoire of the Diaghileff Ballet Russe at her studio-residence, 187 Belmont road, last evening. After she had talked on the development of the art of the ballet in Russia, she gave musical excerpts on the piano from the ballets to be presented in the Capital shortly.

Turk Cruisers Shell City.

Constantinople, March 15.—The Turkish war office today issued the following statement: "Two cruisers on March 11 and 12 shelled the environs of Teké Burnu. They then withdrew."

Dan Coleman, Gayety Show Star, Once Studied to Enter the Clergy

MRS. COLEMAN.

DAN COLEMAN.

Dan Coleman, the Irish Julian Eltinge, who leads the Hastings show at the Gayety this week, is a successful example of the man who found his proper life work and made good at it. For Dan Coleman attended Holy Cross College with the purpose of becoming a clergyman, to find that his leanings toward the clergy were not so far inclined as his leanings to become a Shakespearean actor.

In an amateur performance he played Shylock, and his deep voice lent itself well to this sort of work. On leaving school he worked for a while as a book-keeper in Boston, and then went with the Ward & Vokes show, where he met the present Mrs. Coleman, known to the public as Miss Anna Bauer.

Johnny Ray discovered him here and he went on as Ray's double, taking the place of Frank Lauder, Mrs. Coleman playing the part of the lawyer in the show. It was Johnny Ray who taught Mrs. Coleman the art of putting over the "stage laugh," which she uses so effectively in the present show, a mighty hard thing to do, by the way, when things are not as funny for the actor of the stage as they are on.

The Colemans remained with Johnny Ray five years. Then they played in Gus Edwards' "School Days," later coming to the Academy in the big show of the same name. About five years ago Mr. Coleman started playing his "Biddy" female part, in combination with his

already famous Irish character in burlesque, and he has continued that part, improving it each year since. Mrs. Coleman has the distinction of being the only Irish character of his kind in burlesque with the exception of Monroe, and furthermore is the author of the present show, as well as the composer of many of the lyrics which are particularly pleasing and catchy—especially the finale, "I'll Follow You," and the "If You Want to See a Little More," song.

Unlike most composers, when he gets an inspiration Mr. Coleman does not rush at the piano and play it off. There's a reason. Mr. Coleman knows nothing about music, so he hums the tune for Mrs. Coleman, who plays it for him on the piano. They then call in their pet composer who puts the tune in shape. The only drawback to this form of composing is that whenever Mr. Coleman isn't around the public loses a perfectly good lyric.

Mrs. Coleman started her stage career as a chorus girl in summer opera, and her voice soon brought her better parts. She played with Savage in summer opera in Cincinnati for eight years, but since meeting Horatio McNally she has been with him constantly. She is really a very domestic woman and has a beautiful home just outside of Boston, but like most experienced stage folk, finds it hard to take leave of the footlights.

The Town Crier

P. P. Claxton, United States Commissioner of Education, will deliver an address tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Miner Normal School on "The Function of the City Training School." Superintendent of Schools E. L. Thurston will preside. A cordial invitation to attend has been extended to the public.

Prof. William Colman will give a lecture under the auspices of the American League Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at 3007 Columbia road northwest, on the subject, "Eastern and Western Ideals of Education." This will be one of a series of lectures on the advance of education from ancient to modern times. The public is invited.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, of the Bureau of Food Sanitation and Health, will deliver an address on "Health and Food Ideals; or A Necessary Ration," at 8 o'clock this morning at 11 Lehigh street northwest. This will be the second of a series of Lenten talks being conducted under the auspices of the Associated Charities, to which the public is invited. Mrs. J. P. N. Welch, headworker of the Neighborhood House, will follow Dr. Wiley in opening the general discussion on the subject. In connection with the talk today, there will be on display a traveling exhibit, showing methods for the prevention of tuberculosis.

The "Colonels" and the Everyman Bible class will serve a St. Patrick's chicken dinner at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church tomorrow evening from 5 to 7 o'clock for the benefit of the church.

"Resolved, That immigration should be further restricted by the imposition of a literacy test," will be the subject of a debate between teams from George Washington and Catholic universities on the night of April 23.

The Clara Barton Memorial Association will be in charge of the meeting to be held at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of March 26, in First Congregational Church in honor of the "Angel of the Battlefield." Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles will preside. A musical and literary program has been arranged.

The William B. Cushing Camp, No. 30, Sons of Veterans, will hold an open meeting at Grand Army Hall tonight for a discussion of national defense and the National Guard. Samuel R. Stratton, of the G. R. E. Col. Fredrick Bryan, of the Spanish War Veterans, and Rev. Paul Hickok will speak. Miss Edna Cusdon and Miss Irene Chalmers will render a musical program.

The Georgia Society of the District will hold its annual banquet at the Raleigh on Saturday night, April 1, at 8 o'clock. John Temple Graves and Representatives Howard, Edwards, Bell, and Walker will be the principal speakers. W. M. Hairston, second vice president, is chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Henry Wagner, secretary of the Aquarium Society of Washington, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Public Library will place on exhibition a balanced aquarium, stocked with local aquatic plants, tadpoles, and different varieties of snails.

"Prevention of Waste" will be the slogan of a campaign to be launched at a meeting of a joint committee composed of members of the Retail Merchants' Association and the Housekeepers' Alliance, to be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the headquarters of the Merchants' Association.

Constitution Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will give a benefit bridge at the home of Mrs. L. C. Dyre in the Northumberland on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Ella S. Knight is regent of the organization.

An address will be delivered at Studio Hall, 1219 Connecticut avenue northwest, Sunday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock, by William H. Randall, of Boston, Mass., on "The Bahai Movement." Mr. Randall is a member of the executive board of Bahai Temple Unity, and a leader in the Green Acre Fellowship.

The regular weekly luncheon of the Builders' and Manufacturers' Exchange

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Physician Says Ordinary Nuxated Iron Will Increase Strength of Delicate Folks 200 Per Cent in Two Weeks' Time in Many Instances.

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walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see for yourself how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people who were ailing all the time double, and even triple their strength and endurance and entirely get rid of their symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form, and this, after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. You can talk as you please about all the wonders wrought by new remedies, but when you come down to hard facts there is nothing like good old iron to put color in your cheeks and good, sound, healthy flesh on your bones. It is also a great nerve and stomach strengthener and the best blood builder in the world. The only trouble was that the old forms of inorganic iron, like tincture of iron, iron acetate, etc., often ruined people's teeth, upset their stomachs and were not assimilated, and for these reasons they frequently did more harm than good. But with the discovery of the new form of organic iron all this has been overcome. Nuxated iron, for example, is pleasant to take, does not injure the teeth and is almost immediately beneficial."

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GIVES INTERPRETATION OF HAWAIIAN DANCES

Miss Anita Ofterdinger Delights Auditors at Florida Society Meeting.

Mr. Tomb Discusses "Guns."

Miss Anita Ofterdinger last night delighted her auditors at the meeting of the Florida Society of Washington by a dazzling interpretation of the Hawaiian dances, including "Cunha Medrel" and "Anitra's Dance," which portrays a beautiful slave girl dancing for the favor of a king. Participating in the musical program were Mrs. John Trice, Arthur McCreight, Ross Pollock and Arthur Chester Borback, Miss Bertha Frances Wolfe gave a reading in dialect.

"Guns," from the days of the Grecian war in which powder was used for the first time until the huge guns of today, was the subject of an address by Commander J. H. Tomb, U. S. N. The speaker surprised his audience when he informed them that the gun firing, which gives speed, accuracy, and range to the

great projectiles thrown by the gun of today, was used first in the Confederate army.

Robert G. Wall, speaking of "What Is the Matter with the World," declared that there is nothing the matter with the world: It's the people that live in it.

Spanish Steamer Stopped.

New York, March 15.—Officers of the Spanish steamer Manuel Calvo reported on her arrival today that the vessel was stopped just outside of Cadiz by the French auxiliary cruiser Atmeh and her passengers carefully searched. Henry Meyer, a German, 24 years old, was taken on the ship.

Bridge Alleged Blown Up.

Johnstown, Pa., March 15.—Strikers are reported today to have been responsible for the destruction of the bridge leading from the Hastings Coal and Coke Company's plant at Black Diamond to Ebsen near Johnstown. An investigation is being made.

The government of Venezuela will establish a school of medicine in Caracas.

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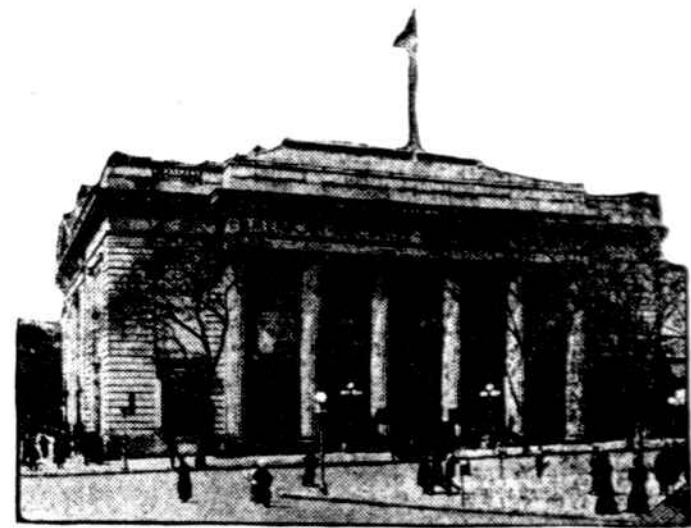
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